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Energy Sector

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Chemical Industry Sector

1. *March 16, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Ex-Freedom owner pleads guilty in chemical spill case.** A former Freedom Industries owner pleaded guilty March 16 to Clean Water Act violations related to a January 2014 spill of a coal-cleaning agent that leaked into the Elk River in Charleston, West Virginia, prompting a tap water ban for 300,000 residents in 9 counties until the system was cleared out. Two additional former owners and the company's former president were also charged for allegedly failing to ensure that the company operated the facility in a reasonable and environmentally sound manner.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/freedom-owners-set-plea-hearings-spill-case-29665700>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *March 16, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Large fire propelled by propane tanks out at south side Milwaukee Company extinguished.** A 2-alarm fire at the Acme Galvanizing metal coatings plant in Milwaukee was extinguished by firefighters after exploding propane tanks ignited into flames and destroyed a secondary building on the property March 16. HAZMAT teams monitored the air quality around the neighborhood due to chemicals in the plant following the fire.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/296428931.html>

3. *March 13, Reuters* – (National) **Kia recalls almost 209,900 compact cars in U.S. for accelerator issue.** Kia Motors Corp issued a recall scheduled to begin March 24 for 208,858 model years 2014-2015 Soul vehicles due to a lack of support for the accelerator pedal potentially causing it to bend or break, resulting in possible issues with accelerating the vehicle and an increase in the risk of a crash.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/13/kia-recall-usa-idUSL1N0WF0M220150313>

4. *March 13, Macomb Daily* – (Michigan) **Ventilation fire causes evacuation at Ford Engine Plant.** A Ford Engine Plant in Romeo, Michigan, suffered damage and was

evacuated following a fire that began on machinery and spread to the ventilation system in a portion of the plant for nearly 2 hours March 13. Crews contained the blaze and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.macombdaily.com/general-news/20150313/ventilation-fire-causes-evacuation-at-ford-engine-plant>

5. *March 12, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Kansas) **Manufacturer exposes welders inside tanks to respiratory, confined space hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued 15 serious safety and health citations and \$60,200 in fines March 12 to Fort Scott-based Niece Products following an inspection that found that employers failed to implement a respiratory protection program for employees in confined spaces, among other hazards.

Source: <https://www.osha.gov/newsrelease/reg7-20150312.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

6. *March 12, U.S. Department of Justice* – (International) **Commerzbank AG admits to sanctions and bank secrecy violations, agrees to forfeit \$563 million and pay \$79 million fine.** Frankfurt, Germany-based Commerzbank AG and its U.S. branch, Commerz New York, entered into a deferred prosecution agreement March 12 with federal authorities and agreed to pay a total of \$1.45 billion in penalties and forfeitures related to violations of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the Bank Secrecy Act after the bank moved and concealed \$263 million on behalf of Iranian and Sudanese entities and allowed Japanese-based Olympus to commit a multibillion dollar securities fraud scheme by failing to maintain adequate policies, practices, and procedures to ensure compliance with U.S. law.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/commerzbank-ag-admits-sanctions-and-bank-secrecy-violations-agrees-forfeit-563-million-and>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *March 16, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Crashes close I-75 in Marion County for over 6 hours.** One southbound and one northbound lane of Interstate 75 in Marion County, Florida, were reopened after all lanes of the interstate were closed March 16 due to 2 separate accidents involving multiple vehicles on both northbound and southbound lanes.

Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/multicar-crash-closes-i75-in-marion->

[co/31817716](http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/wayne-county/2015/03/16/jackknifed-truck-closes-sb-livonia/24837389/)

8. *March 16, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Jackknifed truck closes SB I-275 in Livonia.** A semi-truck that was stretched across southbound Interstate 275 at Seven Mile in Livonia spilled 150 gallons of diesel fuel prompting the closure of the highway for several hours while crews cleared the scene March 16.
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/wayne-county/2015/03/16/jackknifed-truck-closes-sb-livonia/24837389/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *March 16, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Texas) **Bear Creek Smokehouse recalls beef products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** Marshall-based Bear Creek Smokehouse issued a recall March 14 for about 3,700 pounds Beasley's Smokehouse Chopped Barbeque Beef with Sauce packaged in 1 pound plastic containers due to undeclared soy. The items were shipped to retail locations in Texas.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-046-2015-release>
10. *March 15, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas; Kansas) **Listeria outbreak linked to single Blue Bell machine.** Health officials reported the week of March 9 that the source of a Listeria outbreak that infected 5 individuals and killed 3 in Kansas in the last year was linked to a single machine at Blue Bell ice cream's Brenham, Texas facility, which shut down prior to the outbreak and affected only products sent to the food service industry.
Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/news/health/2015/03/13/deadly-listeria-outbreak-linked-to-blue-bell-ice-cream/70286744/>
11. *March 14, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Gourmet Kitchen Inc. recalls various beef and chicken products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** A Neptune-based establishment, Gourmet Kitchen, Inc., issued a recall March 14 for about 16,722 pound of various beef and chicken products due to adulteration, misbranding, and an undeclared peanut allergen. The items were shipped to institutional and food service locations nationwide.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/FSIS-Content/internet/main/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-045-2015-release>
12. *March 13, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Michigan) **Grand Papa's Inc. recalls fried pork skin products produced without benefit of inspection.** Detroit-based Grand Papa's Inc., issued a recall March 13 for approximately 644 pounds of its fried pork skin products that were produced and packaged February 26 and February 27 without undergoing federal inspection. The products were shipped to a retail location in Michigan.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-044-2015-release>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *March 15, The City of Portland Environmental Services* – (Oregon) **Combined sewer overflow (CSO) advisory.** The City of Portland was placed under a combined sewer overflow advisory March 15 after the city's combined sewers overflowed prompting officials to warn the public to avoid contact with Willamette River from the Sellwood Bridge downstream to the river's confluence with the Columbia River near Kelley Point Park until further notice.
Source: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/522604>
14. *March 15, KXMC 13 Minot* – (North Dakota) **Communities in Divide and Burke counties under boil order.** Divide and Burke counties in North Dakota were placed under a boil order until further notice after a Western Area Water Supply Authority-owned pipeline broke near Crosby March 14. Officials stated that the pipeline will need to be replaced.
Source: <http://www.kxnet.com/story/28524509/communities-in-divide-and-burke-counties-under-boil-order>
15. *March 14, WDAY 6 Fargo* – (North Dakota) **2,500 gallons of saltwater and 200 gallons of oil spill near Bowbells, ND.** The North Dakota Department of Health reported March 14 that about 2,500 gallons of saltwater and 200 gallons of oil spilled, impacting a tributary of Stony Creek near Bowbells. Impacted water was diked to prevent further runoff and authorities are investigating the cause of the spill.
Source: <http://www.wdaz.com/news/north-dakota/3700161-2500-gallons-saltwater-and-200-gallons-oil-spill-near-bowbells-nd>
16. *March 14, St. Augustine Record* – (Florida) **Power outage leads to 60,750-gallon raw sewage spill in San Sebastian River.** A power outage at a sanitary sewer lift in St. Augustine, Florida, led to an estimated 60,750- gallon spill of raw sewage into the San Sebastian River March 14. Temporary power was restored and crews continued to sample the waterway while the public was notified of the spill.
Source: <http://staugustine.com/news/local-news/2015-03-14/power-outage-leads-60750-gallon-sewage-spill-san-sebastian-river#>
17. *March 13, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **100K-gallon sewage spill reported in Kahului.** Approximately 100,000 gallons of wastewater overflowed onto Amala Road March 13 following an electrical outage at the Kaa Pump Station in Kahului. Impacted areas were disinfected and standing water was removed.
Source: http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20150313_100Kgallon_sewage_spill_reported_in_Kahului.html?id=296306871
18. *March 13, KLAS 8 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Swimming advisory issued for Lake Mead.** A no-swimming, jet skiing, and water skiing advisory was issued for Lake Mead and Lake Mohave in Las Vegas March 13 after the discovery of blue-green algae which

contained microcystin concentrations.

Source: <http://www.8newsnow.com/story/28471159/swimming-advisory-issued-for-lake-mead>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *March 16, Associated Press; Washington Times* – (Florida) **18 charged in Florida in \$125M private insurance fraud scam.** Eighteen individuals from south Florida were charged by federal authorities for their involvement in a \$125 million private health insurance fraud scheme. Four people were charged the week of March 9 for controlling 30 companies in Miami that stole the names and licensing information of dozens of physicians, while others received kickbacks for referring beneficiaries to specific medical clinics where they would sign documents claiming they received medical services that were never performed.

Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/mar/16/18-charged-in-florida-in-125m-private-insurance-fr/>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *March 15, WLNE 6 New Bedford* – (Rhode Island) **A Providence high school's website hacked.** Officials with Providence Public Schools reported March 15 that Classical High School's Web site was breached March 14 by a group claiming to support the Islamic State (ISIS) group after every page on the site was linked to a page containing text in reference to the terror group. The site's private vendor disabled the Web site and the school assured the public that no information was compromised.
Source: <http://www.abc6.com/story/28523467/a-providence-high-schools-website-hacked>
21. *March 13, Bryan-College Station Eagle* – (Texas) **Texas A&M admits to putting faculty, graduate assistants' Social Security number and personal information online.** Texas A&M officials notified 4,697 faculty members and graduate students that their personal information, including Social Security numbers, may have been accessed after the information was inadvertently posted online February 13 via a Teaching Analysis Report which was seen by 33 individuals. The university discovered the mistake March 8 and removed the data and access to the site.
Source: http://www.theeagle.com/news/local/texas-a-m-admits-to-have-mistakenly-put-faculty-graduate/article_d54db236-e4f6-5546-8a67-077d216f61fc.html
22. *March 13, U.S. Department of State* – (National) **Planned outage of internet-linked systems.** The U.S. Department of State released March 13 that it will temporarily take down its main unclassified network in order to make improvements to the security of Internet-linked systems following an increase in reports of cyber incidents among the department. Officials asserted that no classified systems, or core financial, human

resource, or consular systems were compromised.

Source: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2015/03/238878.htm>

23. *March 13, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **1,000 students evacuated after bomb threat at Sonoma County high school.** Over 1,000 students from Cardinal Newman High School, St. Rose Catholic School, and Roseland Collegiate Prep in Sonoma County were evacuated and classes were dismissed March 13 after an individual called Cardinal Newman High School twice claiming there was a bomb at one of the schools. Police searched the campus and cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found. Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/story/28480964/1000-students-evacuated-after-bomb-threat-at-sonoma-county-high-school>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *March 16, WTVT 13 Tampa* – (Florida) **Dozens involved in overnight riot at juvenile detention center.** Seven juveniles are facing additional charges for their involvement in a March 16 riot at the Les Peters Juvenile Corrections Academy in Tampa that left one corrections officer injured. Approximately 15 police officers were called in to secure the scene. Source: <http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/story/28526533/officer-recovering-after-riot-at-juvenile-detention-center>

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Information Technology Sector

25. *March 16, The Register* – (International) **Brute force box lets researchers, cops, pop iPhone locks.** A security researcher from MDSec discovered that the IP-Box tool exploits a vulnerability in iOS devices running versions 8.1 and older for iPhones or iPads that allows unlimited password guesses of four-digit personal identification numbers (PIN) allowing hackers to bypass rate-limiters and settings to gain personal data after a set of failed attempts. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/16/hardware_bruteforce_passwords/
26. *March 16, Securityweek* – (International) **WPML WordPress plugin vulnerabilities expose 400,000 websites.** WPML developers released an update to address security flaws in its WordPress premium multilingual plugin, including a vulnerability that allows an attacker to leverage an SQL injection exploit to read contents on affected users' databases, including password hashes and other user detail, and another that allows the removal of content from Web sites due to lack of access control in the "menu sync" functionality. More than 400,000 commercial Web sites utilize the plugin. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/wpml-wordpress-plugin-vulnerabilities-expose-400000-websites>
27. *March 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Over 5.3 million Upatre infections detected in**

the US since January. Security researchers at Microsoft's Malware Protection Center discovered that the U.S. has recorded the largest number of Upatre malware infections in the world at 5,326,970 since January, 7 times more than the next country. Upatre is usually delivered through malicious emails and via botnets, and is used by cybercriminals as a distribution platform for other malware.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Over-5-3-Million-Upatre-Infections-Detected-in-the-US-Since-January-475816.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

28. *March 13, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Cincinnati Bell restores channels after outage.** Cincinnati Bell restored all channels 10 hours after customers began experiencing issues with their Fioptics TV platform that resulted in the loss of a number of channels for an unknown number of customers March 13.

Source: <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2015/03/13/cincinnati-bell-fioptics-experiencing-outages/70263584/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *March 16, WABC 7 New York City* – (New Jersey) **3-alarm fire tears through store in Irvington, New Jersey.** A 3-alarm fire that broke out March 15 at the Buck N Up store in Irvington, New Jersey, caused the roof of the building to collapse while firefighters from 18 departments worked to contain the blaze and hot spots.

Source: <http://7online.com/news/3-alarm-fire-tears-through-irvington-store/559483/>

30. *March 16, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **2 men killed, another wounded at North Side nightclub.** A fight at the Dolphin club in the North Side area of Chicago March 16 erupted in gunfire inside the nightclub which left 2 men dead and a third injured.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-2-dolphin-shooting-20150316-story.html>

31. *March 15, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Massachusetts) **Part of roof collapses at New Bedford supermarket.** About 100 people inside the Price Rite in New Bedford, along with surrounding businesses were evacuated March 14 due to a partial roof collapse at

the supermarket which broke and damaged a gas line and water pipes. A supermarket employee stated that the store was reopened to the public March 15.

Source: <http://wpri.com/2015/03/14/part-of-roof-collapses-at-new-bedford-supermarket/>

32. *March 13, United Press International* – (West Virginia) **West Virginia landslide forces evacuation, destroys church.** Two buildings were destroyed and at least 30 families were evacuated March 13 due to a landslide that began March 11 in an area near Yeager Airport in Charleston. The landslide also filled Two-Mile Creek causing the area to flood prompting the National Weather Service to issue a flood warning. Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2015/03/13/West-Virginia-landslide-forces-evacuation-destroys-church/9671426266793/

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Dams Sector

33. *March 13, Grand Forks Herald* – (North Dakota) **Breach found in Tolna Dam; large-scale flooding not a concern.** A breach was found on the Tolna Dam on the Tolna Coulee in Nelson County March 12 which grew to roughly 5 feet by March 13. Authorities do not believe residents are in danger of large-scale flooding but warned that about 10 families living downstream of the dam should be prepared to evacuate if the dam fails. Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/region/3699364-breach-found-tolna-dam-large-scale-flooding-not-concern>

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